August 10, 2010  
Council Workshop Meeting  
12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.  
Magnolia Springs, Al.  
5:00 P.M. 

1. **Call to Order**  
Mayor Houser called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. 

2. **Roll Call** 
Councilmember’s present – Mayor Charles Houser, Bob Holk, Rick Odess, Ken Underwood, Brett Gaar and Kenny Laurendine. Also present: Town Clerk - Karen S. Biel 

3. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** 
Councilmember Underwood led the invocation and pledge. 

4. **Discussion of minutes - 07/13/10 Workshop - 07/27/10 regular meeting** 
Councilmember Gaar submitted some changes to the clerk. 

5. **Discussion of financials and expenditures for July** 
The clerk reported: General Fund Balance as of 7/31 - $15,922.87 - Income - $15,504.81, with grant money $513,504.81 – Expenses - $19,617.96 with Deepwater $222,049.01. Vendor Expenses - $216,990.93. Money Market - $102,098.86. CD - $52,019.21. Deepwater Horizon - $271,427.58. Special Revenue 4, 5 & 7 & Gas Tax - Income - $420.59. Balance: $11,847.56. The clerk stated that the CD rolled over for another 7 months at the rate of 1.64%. The Council discussed removing the POD from Pelican Point as soon as the Fire Dept. cleans it out. Councilmember’s Gaar and Odess discussed having another water testing completed before this grant is finished up. 

6. **Public Comment** 
Donna Esslinger – thanked the Town Council and Historic Commission for the opportunity of attending the national conference; it was very informative and she has a brought back a lot of grant information that might help with the historic signage. 

7. **Discussion – Family Dollar** 
Mayor Houser explained that one of the requirements for the turn lane for the Family Dollar was to have a Certificate of Occupancy by July 31, 2010, which needed to be amended and he suggested December 31, 2010. Another suggestion was to add the word “substantially” to the original to state; ‘The development is built substantially to the guidelines as set forth in the U.S. Highway Overlay District, etc.’  
Mayor Houser added that the Finance Committee met with bank representatives on the loan and they will present the Town with some different options. **Will be on the agenda** 

8. **Discussion – Donation – Baldwin Co. Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster** 
Mayor Houser stated that Bill Stephens, a representative with the organization has asked the Council that during the budget process for next year, if the Town would consider a donation to VOAD. It was noted that some of the organizations with which VOAD works, such as the American Red Cross and United Way, are all ready receiving a donation for the Town. Mayor Houser suggested having Mr. Stephens attend the next workshop to give a brief presentation. 

9. **Committee reports** 
- **Finance:** Mayor Houser reported the committee reviewed the proposed budget that the clerk submitted. The Council reviewed the budget, and one major issue discussed was the legal budget for Public Works that included an extra $50,000 for the Fuller/Turner lawsuit pertaining to the Rock Street issue. The Council feels that it will cost at least that much, possibly more but that leaving that amount in the Public Work committee is a little deceiving, and should be included the general fund legal counsel. The clerk stated that she can make another subcategory to show the amount spent on the lawsuit, same as she did with the peacock issue. Mayor Houser also advised the Council that he has selected Grant, Sanders and Taylor to do the audit this year. 
- **Public Safety:** Councilmember Holk talked about the ticket that was given to one of the residents who was riding his golf cart on the street. Mayor Houser will speak to Wayne about the situation with golf carts. 
- **Parks & Recreation:** Councilmember Laurendine had no report but is working on the estimates for the walkway and should have something by the September workshop.
Public Works: Councilmember Gaar reported that only he and Ken Underwood attending the meeting and the only discussion was working on the budget. He also added that he was waiting to hear from Glen Bishop if he is going to do the right-of-way mowing. If not, someone else is interested.

Planning Commission: Commission is still working on the Subdivision Regulations.

Historic Preservation: Councilmember Underwood reported that the Commission had not met, because of some training in Mobile during that time, and that 3-4 members would be attending.

Environmental Protection: Councilmember Odess reported that there was no meeting, but testing is being done and he said the results look great.

9. Council, legal counsel and staff comments

Mayor Houser stated that the Town has received complaints about the peacock signs. He added that the signs are violating our Zoning Ordinance in two ways - they are in the right-of-ways and the signs are temporary signs and are only allowed for 72 hours. The Mayor is going to write a letter to the complainants stating that the Town has received complaints about the signs and remind them of the Zoning Ordinance regulations and send a copy of the sign section along with the letter.

Motion by Councilmember Holk, 2nd by Councilmember Gaar to adjourn the workshop.
Workshop ended at 6:55 pm

Approved this the 28th day of September, 2010

Keaneth Underwood – Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk